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TAGS: TGEN, AR, US, MARR, XV

SUBJECT: ANTARCTICA-AGREEMENT ON ALUMINUM MATTING

MARAMBIO AIRFIELD

REF: (A) STATE 147985; (B) BA-4945; (C) BA -5843; (D) STATE 088353

ANOTHER CONSTRUCTION SEASON IN THE ANTARCTIC IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING AND OVER ONE YEAR HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE INITIAL SITE SURVEY VISIT BY NSF AND USAF TO THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE (AAF) BASE V/C MARAMBIO. THE ALUMINUM MATTING HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NSF FOR THIS PROJECT (REF D). THE AAF BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR IS SUBMITTED DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. FURTHER DELAYS IN NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF ANOTHER YEAR IN THE PROGRAM AND COULD VERY WELL RESULT IN THE AAF SEEKING MATTING FROM OTHER SOURCES. IF THE AAF TURNS TO OTHER SOURCES FOR MATTING IT WILL BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE US TO NEGOTIATE ANY FAVORABLE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE MARAMBIO FACILITIES. AS STATED IN REF C THE EMBASSY POSITION IS THAT THE NSF AND AAF SHOULD CONSUMATE THIS AGREEMENT UNDER THE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT. IT SHOULD BE A SHORT AGREEMENT GIVING THE NSF OPERATING RIGHTS IN EXCHANGE FOR LOAN OF THE ALUMINUM MATTING. FURTHER DETAILS OF TIME PHASING, BUDGET AND OPERATIONS SHOULD BE LEFT FLEXIBLE AND THE SUBJECT OF ANNUAL PLANNING MEETINGS. ACTION REQUESTED: DECISION AND  
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ACTION TO PERMIT NSF AND AAF TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH ADVICE

TO THE EMBASSY AND PRUSUANT TO AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH  
FORMIN IS IDENTIFYING NSF AND AAF AS COMPETENT AGENCIES TO  
ENTER INTO AND FULFILL AGREEMENTS.

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